

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2001. Claims 21-24 are pending in the present application. Applicants note and appreciate Examiner's indication of the allowability of independent claim 21. In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited.

Claim 21 stands provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Serial No. 09/520,827, which has since issued as Patent No. 6,328,881. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection. As claim 21 was not otherwise rejected on substantive grounds, Applicants submit that claim 21 is allowable and the rejection should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 22-24 added by this amendment are allowable as well. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Conclusion

If there is any issue that remains which may be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to resolve the same and expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph appearing on page 7, lines 8-14 and replace the following paragraph therefor:

--As illustrated in Fig. 1, the water purification system 10 includes a water purification device 34 having an inlet and an outlet connected in the fluid circuit 12 and in fluid communication with at least one interior volume of the device 34. The water purification device 34 is more fully disclosed in co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/520,529, filed on even date herewith, and hereby fully incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 22-24.

22. Claim 22 has been added.

23. Claim 23 has been added.

24. Claim 24 has been added.